

## After The Conflagration.

The Extent of the Catastrophe Not Exaggerated, \$125,000,000 Being Swept Away in 24 Hours.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—A great cloud was lifted this afternoon when it was discovered that practically all the vaults and strong rooms and safes of the financial concerns whose buildings were destroyed are unharmed. A tremendous loss in securities had been anticipated here and when vault after vault yielded up its treasures unharmed, the joy of the guardians was boundless.

\$200,000,000 TAKEN FROM RUINS.

From the Continental Trust Company's safes alone papers to the amount of more than \$200,000,000 were recovered. The news cheered the whole city and encouraged immediate and thorough investigation; merchants and their assistants, smoke-soiled and be-grimmed and hollow-eyed from anxiety and loss of sleep, worked like laborers in the smoking ruins to uncover their safes and in nearly every instance they were rewarded by intact contents.

## TWO BIG CONCERNS ESCAPE.

Another surprise was the discovery that two financial concerns whose houses were directly in the paths of the flames, were practically unharmed. These were the Mercantile Trust Company and Brown Bros. Bank. The escape of the buildings is attributed to the lack of height. They do not exceed four stories and as they were surrounded by lofty structures the flames swept over them. There are between \$11,000,000 and \$12,000,000 now in the vaults of the sub-treasury, of which over \$7,000,000 are in gold. The remainder consists of currency, silver and minor coin.

## LOSS AND INSURANCE.

As yet no figures on loss and insurance that can be regarded as official are obtainable. A careful canvass of insurance experts, builders and business men placed the loss in round figures at \$125,000,000 and the insurance at from \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000. It is probable that these estimates will stand with slight change when the final figures are written. Much valuable property that lay in Monday's fire path was saved by the prompt efforts of merchants, and in that section the stock losses will be lighter than elsewhere.

## A VERY CLOSE CALL

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life. Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Crawford Bros' and J. F. Mackey & Co., and T. Eugene Funderburk. Price 50 cents.

The aggregate value of property reduced to ashes is 140 acres in the heart of Baltimore equals one-half the value of all property in South Carolina as assessed for taxation—city and county, land and buildings, household effects, plate and jewelry, stocks and bonds, railroads, cotton mills and other industries, flocks and herds and other domestic animals?—The State.

—Three very desirable houses and lots for sale within the next 30 days. T. S. Carter,

## The Bank Robbers Met Warm Reception.

Lively Time in Town of St. Georges. Believed That Two of the Gang Were Badly Hurt.

## Special to The State.

St. Georges, Feb. 9.—Information by long distance telephone was received by Walker S. Utsey, acting intendant, last night to the effect that the bank here would be robbed by four suspicious men who got aboard the evening train at Seven Mile Junction, near Charleston.

An extra force of men was put on and about 1 o'clock the robbers came in town. They were fired upon by two of the policemen and a general fusillade followed.

From evidence gathered this morning two of the gang were badly hurt, but succeeded in getting away. They went towards Branchville, whereupon Chief Nixon telegraphed the officers at that place, Bamberg and Orangeburg to look out for them.

## DOES NO TROUBLES.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by the great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c at Crawford Bros' and J. F. Mackey & Co., and T. Eugene Funderburk Drug Store.

## Figures on Baltimore Fire.

According to the figures, the destruction wrought by the Baltimore fire does not approximate that occasioned by the great Chicago fire of 1871. In that case the property loss was \$190,000,000; in this \$125,000,000. In Chicago 17,450 buildings were burned and 200 lives lost; in Baltimore the burned buildings numbered 2,500 and there was no loss of life. In Chicago 2,700 acres were devastated, in Baltimore 75 blocks. The Chicago fire left 70,000 people homeless; the one bright spot amidst Baltimore's desolation is that the fire barely touched the residence portion of the city and that there are a few homeless people in consequence. The property destroyed, too, appears to have been insured for about 75 per cent. of its value. It is said that \$30,000,000 of the \$90,000,000 of insurance is held in New York. The remainder of it is doubtless well distributed, much of it, no doubt, in foreign companies, of which several powerful ones, notably English and German, do large business in the United States. —Charlotte Observer.

When Cotton was selling for five and six cents a pound the publishers of many weekly papers reduced the price to one dollar a year. They probably now realize the un wisdom of that course, when everything that goes to make a newspaper and to keep the makers of newspapers alive has advanced in price. Any weekly paper worth reading is worth \$2 a year, according to present standards. —The State.

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## The Dead Head Record.

Senator Tillman may be interested in the bill introduced in the Legislature which will require all railroad companies to furnish the Secretary of State with a list of public officers who travel on free passes. Remembering that unpleasant incident in the West not long ago when he lost his passes, he might desire to have the bill defeated, not that he is ashamed of his record, perhaps, but simply for the reason that he does not care for any undue publicity regarding his free dealings with the transportation companies. There seems to be some doubt as to whether he accepts these courtesies. We have been informed that the senior Senator from South Carolina travels on mileage on the Southern railway, but we are likewise informed on what appears to be the most reliable authority that at the time of his loss in the West an official notice was posted in the union station at Columbia, saying that Senator Tillman's Southern railway pass was missing. The statement was also made, we are informed, that the notice mentioned the fact that the pass was good on all divisions of the system except in South Carolina. If that is true, Senator Tillman is the best person to answer just why he should have his ticket issued in that way. At any rate, the Baumgard bill, if enacted, will settle the question in dispute for even if Senator Tillman does not ride free in this State, it will show whether he, as an officer of the State, is on the dead head list of the corporation he fought so bitterly while he was governor.

It was also developed that when he attended the meeting of the board of trustees of Winthrop College, travelling from Washington to Rock Hill for that purpose, he charged full fare, which was paid out of the funds of the institution. This, too, might call for explanation. Ordinarily, the public might take no interest in such personal affairs, but its curiosity was aroused when the newspapers printed the account of that free ticket robbery out West, and it will be aroused to an even greater pitch if the Legislature should insist on the record being filed. —Greenville News.

## WONDERFUL NERVE.

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The population of Russia is about 129,000,000, or threetimes that of Japan. Her area is 50 times as much for Japan. Has only 147,669 square miles, or about five times as large as South Carolina. Russia's active army is 1,341,210 while Japan's is only 141,770. The fighting force of each country is about four times as much as the active force. Russia's navy consists of more war vessels and guns than that of Japan. Russia's base of operations is so far away from St. Petersburg that it will be difficult to concentrate troops and provision the army. As to location Japan has a great advantage.

## CHILDREN POISONED

Many children are poisoned and made nervous and weak, if not killed outright, by mothers giving them cough syrups containing opiates. Foley's Honey and Tar is a safe and certain remedy for coughs, croup and lung trouble, and is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates or other poisons.

## Ginners Report 9,485,537 Bales.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The report issued by the Census Bureau today of the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 up to and including Jan. 16, 1904, shows that 30,171 ginneries were operated and that these ginned 9,485,537 commercial bales. Counting round bales as half-bales the number is 9,485,537, which compared with 8,304,503 and 10,588,250 bales to Dec. 13, 1902, and to March 14, 1903, respectively.

The cotton ginned from crop grown in 1903 up to and including Jan. 16, 1904, is given by the States and Territories as follows:

Alabama, 1,020,592 commercial bales.  
Arkansas, 664,410 commercial bales.  
Florida, 56,174 commercial bales.  
Georgia, 1,307,169 commercial bales.  
Indian Territory, 299,553 commercial bales.  
Kansas, 55 commercial bales.  
Kentucky, 563 commercial bales.  
Louisiana, 826,316 commercial bales.  
Mississippi, 1,367,489 commercial bales.  
Missouri, 2,329 commercial bales.  
North Carolina, 541,146 commercial bales.  
Oklahoma, 191,095 commercial bales.  
South Carolina, 788,714 commercial bales.  
Tennessee, 919 commercial bales.  
Texas, 2,505,588 commercial bales.  
Virginia, 12,255 commercial bales.

In the report issued today no account has been taken of linters obtained by the cotton seed oil mills from re-ginning cotton seed. Statistics of such cotton will be included in the final report of this season, which report will be issued about March 15. The final report will distribute the crop by counties, segregate upland and Sea Island cotton and give weights of bales.

The Census Office is now engaged in the computation of the average weight of the bale for this crop from data furnished by the ginners and cotton weighers, and a statement giving the results will be published about Feb. 15.

## SAVED FROM TERRIBLE DEATH.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottle 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles Free at Crawford Bros' and J. F. Mackey & Co., and T. Eugene Funderburk Drug store.

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## Auditor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that this office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February, 1904, for the purpose of receiving the returns of the taxpayers of Lancaster County.

All persons having property in their possession or control, as managers, holders or as husband, parent, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, accounting officer, agent, attorney, or factor, on the First day of January 1904, are required to list the same for taxation within the time required by law or incur the penalty of Fifty per cent, which attaches in case of failure to do so.

The full tax of One Dollar is laid upon all male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except persons who are married and unable to earn a support and to federate soldiers.

For the convenience of the public the Auditor or an assistant will attend the following places in the County on the days named:

Oceola, Tues Jan 5th, 12 to 3 o'clock.  
Pleasant Valley, Wednesday Jan 6.  
Belair, Thursday Jan 7  
Van Wyck, Friday Jan 8th, 9 to 12 o'clock.  
Dix, a. m., Dwight, p. m., Monday Jan 11th.

Tradeville, Tuesday Jan 12th.  
Taxahaw, Wednesday Jan 13th.  
Flat Creek church, Thursday Jan 14.  
Dr. C. C. Welsh's, Friday Jan 15th.  
Primus Saturday January 16th to 12 o'clock.

Hale Gold Mine, Monday Jan 18th.  
Kershaw, Thursday and Wednesday Jan 19th and 20th.  
Heath Springs, Tuesday Jan 21st.  
Pleasant Hill, Friday Jan 22 to 2 p. m.  
Dry Creek, Monday Jan 25th.

Under an act of the legislature, all persons having a gross income of \$2,500 or more, are required to make a return of the same to the Auditor at the time of making their other returns.

It will be the interest of every taxpayer to make his return promptly of all personal property; also of all transfers or improvements on real estate and save the penalty of 50 per cent, which attaches after the 20th of February 1904.

Respectfully

J. O. COOK,  
County Auditor.

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Lv Bascomville, 7 44 a m 5 45 p m  
Lv Richburg, 7 50 a m 6 00 p m  
Ar Chester, 8 15 a m 6 30 p m  
Ar Charlotte, So R 9 55 a m 9 00 p m  
Ar Columbia, So R 11 00 a m 1 15 a m  
Ar Atlanta, s a l, r 4 50 p m  
Ar York, C & N W 9 35 a m  
Ar Gastonia, C & N W 10 30 a m  
Ar Lenoir, c & n, r 2 05 p m 6 00 a m

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Lv Gastonia, " 5 30 p m  
Lv Yorkville, " 6 23 p m  
Lv Atlanta, s a l, r 1 00 p m  
Lv Columbia, So R 6 10 a m 6 35 p m  
Lv Charlotte, So R 8 40 a m 6 25 p m  
Lv Chester, " 10 00 a m 8 25 p m  
Lv Richburg, " 10 45 a m 8 49 p m  
Lv Bascomville, " 11 00 a m 8 55 p m  
Lv Fort Lawn, " 11 16 a m 9 06 p m  
Ar Lancaster, " 11 45 a m 9 25 p m

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